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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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| Supplemental Notice of Allowability | Application No. | Applicant(s) | |
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to March 15, 2005.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,9-11 and 16.
3. The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
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 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
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7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 20050706.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to Amendment filed on March 15, 2005. Claims 12-15, and 17-20 have been cancelled. Claims 1-11, and 16 are currently pending and are under examination.
2. This supplemental Notice of Allowability is being sent to remove any ambiguity of the modified trichosanthin protein in claim 1.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Dr. Howard Frankfort on July 6, 2005.

Examiners Amendment to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A mutant trichosanthin (MTCS) protein, comprising the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:8, with the modification of at least one amino acid residue in the following three regions: amino acid residues 174 to 180, 203 to 226, and 230 to 244, wherein the modification is selected from: either [.,.]

(a) arginine at position 174, lysine at position 177, arginine at position 222, and arginine at position 243 [[is]] are each independently replaced with glutamic acid, aspartic acid, or glycine; [[, or]]

(b) aspartic acid at position 176, asparagines asparagine at position 205, asparagines asparagine at position 206, glutamine at position 208, glutamic acid at position 210, asparagines asparagine at position 217, glutamine at position 219, asparagines asparagine at position 220, glutamine at position 221, asparagines asparagine at position 236, asparagines asparagine at position 242, and asparagines asparagine at position 244 [[is]] are each independently replaced with lysine or glycine; [[, or]]

(c) threonine at position 178, serine at position 203, threonine at position 204, serine at position 211, threonine at position 224, threonine at position 226, threonine at position 234, and serine at position 235 [[is]] are each independently replaced with glycine or alanine; [[, or]] and

(d) valine at position 175, phenylalanine at position 179, leucine at position 180, glycine at position 207, phenylalanine at position 209, proline at position 212, valine at position 213, valine at position 214, valine at position 215, valine at position 223, isoleucine at position 216, isoleucine at position 225, alanine at position 218, alanine at position 230, alanine at position 238, glycine at position 231, valine at position 232, valine at position 233, isoleucine at position 237, leucine at position 239 [[,]]~~leucine at position 240~~, and leucine at position 240 [[is]] are each independently deleted.

2.-8. (Cancelled).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claim 1, 9-11, and 16 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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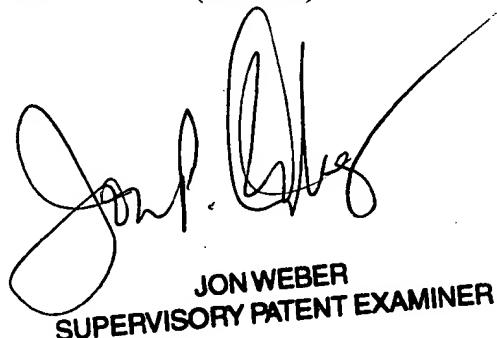
fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anand U. Desai, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (571) 272-0947. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jon P. Weber can be reached on (517) 272-0925. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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July 6, 2005



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